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SUBJ: ENERGY: REPORTED SOVIET-IRAQI AGREEMENT

ON OIL PRICE

REF: MOSCOW 1936; TEL AVIV 1435

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD ME THAT IN DISCUSSION
LAST WEEK WITH FRENCH EMBOFF, MFA DEPUTY NEAR EAST
COUNTRIES DIVISION PYRLIN SAID SOVIETS AND IRAQIS HAD
REACHED AGREEMENT ON OIL PRICE DURING RECENT SADDAM
HUSSEIN VISIT TO MOSCOW. ACCORDING TO PYRLIN, PRICE
FOR IRAQI OIL SOLD TO SOVIETS WILL BE BETWEEN
TWELVE AND THIRTEEN DOLLARS PER BARREL.

2. COMMENT: SOVIET-IRAQI AGREEMENT ON OIL PRICE
SHOULD REMOVE MAJOR IRRITANT IN SOVIET-IRAQI RELATIONS.

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IF PRICE QUOTATION IS ACCURATE IRAQIS COMPROMISED

CONSIDERABLY ON THEIR EARLIER ASKING PRICE WHICH SOVIET
OIL OFFICIAL SAID WAS 17 DOLLARS PER BARRLE. EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OR BAGHDAD
MIGHT HAVE REGARDING THIS REPORTED AGREEMENT.
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